

Congressman Brian Baird endorses Denny Heck in 3rd Congressional District Race

Baird announces public support for Heck and his campaign focused on job growth and economic development during 85th Annual Pacific County Democrats Crab feed

South Bend, Wash. – On Saturday, March 13, 2010, retiring Congressman Brian Baird (D-WA-03) announced his support for Denny Heck in Washington’s 3rd Congressional District race.

“I am proud to endorse Denny Heck for the Third Congressional District because in these very difficult times, southwest Washington needs someone with real world experience in creating jobs and economic growth to continue to fight for them in Washington D.C.,” said Baird. “I have been thoroughly impressed with Denny’s understanding of the challenges facing our friends and neighbors as they struggle to find work and pay their bills, his willingness to reach out and listen to residents across the district, and his work ethic as this race has gotten under way. Denny will be a strong, independent voice in Congress who can effectively fight for southwest Washington on day-one.”

Congressman Baird made his endorsement while attending the 85th Annual Pacific County Democrats Crab Feed in South Bend, WA. Congressman Baird announced last December his decision not to seek reelection in 2010. National analysts such as Charlie Cook and Stuart Rothenberg have since identified the 3rd Congressional District as top race to watch come November.¹

“Southwest Washington needs leadership in Congress that understands the need to get our economy moving and people back to work which is what inspires and drives me to run for this seat,” said Heck. “I’m honored to have earned Congressman Baird’s endorsement. He knows what it takes to be a strong advocate back east for the families here in southwest Washington, and knows the economic challenges and opportunities in this district. I look forward to his advice during the campaign.”

Denny Heck officially announced his candidacy in the first week of January this year. Since that time, Heck has met with voters from every county in the congressional district, held campaign kickoff events in Clark and Thurston counties and won a straw poll of the Lewis County Democrats who cited “his mainstream message about jobs and economic growth that resonated with Lewis County voters.”²

Born in Vancouver, Heck was raised in the Lake Shore area of Clark County, where he graduated from Columbia River High School before attending and

graduating from The Evergreen State College in Olympia in 1973. For more information, see www.DennyHeckforCongress.com.